

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, September 23, 2021
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: GoToWebinar

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. HealthChoice MCO COVID-19 Vaccination and Outreach Updates
- III. Provider Enrollment Extension Update
- IV. Interoperability Update
- V. Eligibility and Redetermination Changes
- VI. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

July 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Winifred Booker, D.D.S

Ms. Marie McLendon

Ms. Nora Hoban

Ms. Jessica Dickerson

Ms. Maansi Raswant

Ms. Nicole McCann

Mr. Paul Miller

Kathryn Fiddler, DNP

Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D

Ms. Vickie Walters

Ms. Linda Dietsch

Mr. Kenneth Garove

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Floyd Hartley

The Hon. Antonio Hayes

Ms. Anna Sierra

The Hon. Matthew Morgan

Ms. Diane McComb

Ms. Shannon Hall

Rachel Dodge, M.D.

The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk

The Hon. Pat Young

Mr. William Webb

Mr. Ben Steffen

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

July 22, 2021

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nicole McCann, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:05 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the June 24, 2021 meeting as written. Ms. Edith Perry attended the meeting for Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk and Ms. Lori Doyle attended for Ms. Shannon Hall.

Departmental Report and COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Deputy Medicaid Director, provided the Committee with a combined Departmental report and COVID-19 update.

Enrollment continues to increase, and we are currently serving a total of 1,609,317 Maryland residents. The majority of whom are in managed care organizations (MCOs) under the HealthChoice Program (see attached chart). While the Department is receiving the 6.2 percent enhanced federal matching assistance during the federal public health emergency, we cannot disenroll individuals even if they are found ineligible for Medicaid. These folks have remained on the program. We estimate that the increase in federal matching will extend through December 31, 2021. President Biden sent a letter to Governors stating that it was his intent to keep the federal public health emergency in place until December 31, 2021. If it were to change, President Biden would give states a 60-day notice. Therefore, most states including Maryland are budgeting that the match will continue until the end of the year.

There are additional matching funds for home and community-based services that were approved under the federal American Rescue Plan. We will receive an additional 10 percent on home and community based services between March 2021 and April 2022. These monies have to be reinvested back into the Medicaid programs. We have until 2024 to complete that reinvestment. Language in the budget bill directed the Department to spend at least 75 percent of those monies on a one-time rate increase for providers. Every quarter we have to submit a spending plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Department submitted its initial spending plan. We have only focused on the provider rate increases and have not identified any additional initiatives for the remaining 25 percent. As we get actual expenditures, we will be updating our spending plans with the federal government every quarter. The Department will share the quarterly spending plans with the Committee.

The Department submitted the HealthChoice 1115 waiver renewal application to CMS. CMS has acknowledged receipt of it and identified it as being complete.

Representatives from the MCOs will be coming to present to this Committee in September. This will give them an opportunity to highlight and talk about initiatives the MCOs have planned around school re-openings. The MCOs are actively working with the Equity Task Force on the big school opening/vaccinations initiative taking place on August 17, 2021 at FedEx Field. MCOs have a meeting next week with all of the School-based health centers to discuss

partnering to get school-aged children vaccinated. They are also partnering with Baltimore City who is planning four school clinics per week. The Department keeps a running list of things the MCOs are working on and the Department can share that document with the Committee. The Committee has asked that the Department work with the MCOs and Public Health to address a broader vaccination effort as many children have missed getting vaccinations and boosters during COVID.

Redetermination – The Impact of the Public Health Emergency on Medicaid

Ms. Megan Renfrew, Associate Director of External Affairs, Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) gave the Committee an overview of the strengthening and expanding of the Total Cost of Care Model (see attached presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Molly Marra, Director, Medicaid Provider Services, gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations and state plan amendment changes.

Waivers – Appendix K – Governor and Secretary’s orders allowing operations outside of regulations will terminate on July 1, 2021; a 45-day period to unwind for certain flexibilities will end on August 15, 2021. Other flexibilities not affected and outlined in Appendix K can be effective no more than 6 months past the expiration of the federal public health emergency. The Brain Injury waiver was approved effective July 1 2021. CMS approved a temporary extension for the Home & Community Based Options waiver. We are providing more detail and answering questions regarding the Medical Day Care Services waiver

State Plan Amendments (SPAs) – There were no new state plan amendments submitted in the past month. The Coverage of the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccinations and the Medication Assisted Treatment SPAs are still under consideration at CMS.

Regulations – The MMMCP: Managed Care Organizations and Access as well as the Dental Services regulations did print on July 16, 2021.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. McCann adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.